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NARROW TRADE IN PRAIRIE HAY CONTINUES.

Kansas City Market

Trade on the Kansas City Prairie Hay Market continued seasonally light during the week ending May 13, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Nominal quotations were advanced 50 cents per ton on No. 1 and No. 2. Those grades are scarce, and reports indicated a limited inquiry for a few cars above previous quotations. Four cars were received during the week. One was placed on an order by the receiver, another sold to an out-of-town dealer, and two have failed to find outlet at the end of the period. The period of light receipts during recent weeks is an indication not only of the limited demand in this area, but also of light remaining stocks of desirable quantity in the country. Because of the narrow outlet locally, dealers were moving very little of their hay through the Kansas City gateway, preferring to fill orders direct from the country to save terminal market charges. In this area, May is usually the poorest hay month, and this year apparently is no exception to the rule.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Movement of prairie hay from the southeastern Kansas district during the past week was mostly by truck, with scattered sales to Ottawa and Atchison districts, and to points adjacent to Kansas City. Reports from that area indicate that truckers were paying up to \$6.00 per ton in barns, and were having some trouble in locating sufficient hay of good quality for their needs.

Some meadows in the bluestem area were showing a lot of weed growth, indicating that "clipping" will be necessary to get clean hay.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.50-9.00

No. 3 \$5.50-7.50

No. 2 8.00-8.50

Sample 4.00-5.50

